



Request for City Council Committee Action From the Department of Public Works

Date: June 5, 2012

To: Honorable Sandra Colvin Roy, Chair Transportation & Public Works Committee


Subject: **Set Public Hearing to Consider Amending Title 17, Chapter 455 Minneapolis Code of Ordinances, Block Events**

Recommendation:

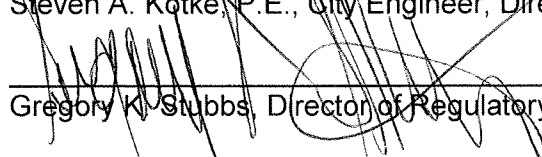
Set Public Hearing for June 19, 2012 to consider changes to Title 17, Chapter 455, Block Events to require that event organizers recycle recyclable materials generated at events

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Community Impact:

Neighborhood Notification: NA

City Goals: Eco-Focused

Comprehensive Plan:

Zoning Code: NA

Background/Supporting Information

The proposed amendments require that event organizers provide a written recycling plan for the collection of all paper, cardboard, plastic, glass, metal containers and compostables. An adequate number and capacity of containers for recycling shall be provided with proper promotional signage. Recyclable materials shall be delivered to a recyclable materials processing facility and a weight ticket shall serve as proof of compliance.

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The City Council of the City of Minneapolis do ordain as follows:

Amending Title 17, Chapter 455 of the Minneapolis Code of Ordinances relating to *Streets and sidewalks: Block events.*

Section 1. That Section 455.10 of the above-entitled ordinance be amended, and that Sections 455.36, and 455.51 be added as follows:

455.10 Definitions.

As used in this chapter:

Arterial street shall mean any street so designated on the signs and signals map prepared by the Minneapolis Public Works Department.

Block event shall mean a temporary gathering of people held on a blockaded portion of a public street or alley within the city.

Block event barricade shall mean a barricade which meets the specifications set by the department of public works, or, in the case of National Night Out events only, colored tape of a type approved by the CCP/SAFE unit of the Minneapolis Police Department and/or signage which is displayed in a manner specified by the CCP/SAFE unit of the Minneapolis Police Department.

Bus route shall mean any street used by a regional bus or transit provider on a regular and scheduled basis.

Business district shall mean the central business district or a neighborhood business district, but shall not include the Nicollet Mall which shall continue to be governed by Chapter 439 of this Code of Ordinances.

Central business district shall mean that area bounded by and including the Mississippi River southeasterly to Interstate 35W; Interstate 35W southerly to Interstate 94; Interstate 94 westerly and northerly to Glenwood Avenue; Glenwood Avenue easterly to North Ninth Street; North Ninth Street northerly to Second Avenue North, and Second Avenue North to the Mississippi River.

Chief of police is the Chief of the Minneapolis Police Department, or the police chief designee.

City shall mean the City of Minneapolis.

Commercial promotion or activity shall mean the ordinary activities of trade and commerce where the profit motive is the primary purpose of the block event. This terminology does not apply to sales conducted by nonprofit or charitable organizations,

nor does it include, for example, sales of materials which are intended to convey information and ideas, or which espouse causes or beliefs, whether in the form of books, pamphlets, buttons, bumper stickers or T-shirts.

County highway shall mean any highway under the jurisdiction of Hennepin County and, in addition, shall include any public street within the city which is designated as a county aid street.

Director of public works is the Minneapolis City Engineer, or duly authorized designees.

Director of regulatory services is the Director of Regulatory Services of the City of Minneapolis or duly authorized designees.

Holiday shall have the meaning given in Minnesota Statutes, Section 645.44, Subdivision 5.

Large block event shall mean a block event for artistic, cultural, or social purposes with expected attendance of at least two thousand five hundred (2,500) people.

National Night Out is an annual event held on the first Tuesday in August, for the purpose of building community, generation of support for anti-crime programs and strengthening of police/community relations, through block parties and other events.

Neighborhood business district shall mean a business district which lies outside the central business district and which is designated by the city zoning ordinance for business and commercial use with such designation being present on each side of the street to be blockaded.

Person shall mean any individual, firm, partnership, association, corporation, company or organization of any kind.

Non-recyclable material shall mean any and all refuse, rubbish, or waste that does not meet the definition of recyclable material as set out in this chapter.

Compostable material shall mean material that is derived from living organisms, and is capable of decay.

Recyclable material shall have the meaning set out at Hennepin County Ordinance Number Thirteen as now in effect and as from time to time amended.

Recyclable materials processing facility shall have the meaning set out at Hennepin County Ordinance Number Thirteen as now in effect and as from time to time amended.

Residential area shall mean any area of the city which lies outside a business district.

Snow emergency route shall mean any street marked with "red" snowplow signs and "blue" street name signs.

State highway shall mean any highway under the jurisdiction of the commissioner of transportation of the State of Minnesota and, in addition, shall include any public street within the city which is designated as a state aid street.

455.36 Refuse and recycling.

(a) All large block events shall provide for the collection of recyclable material separate from non-recyclable material, and shall thereafter arrange for the delivery of all recyclable material to a recyclable materials processing facility. In furtherance of this requirement, recyclable material containers must be equal in number and capacity to containers for non-recyclable materials, and must be situated within five feet thereof during the event. Signage shall be placed at all permanent entrance points, as well as at all points of sale, directing patrons to recycle all paper, plastic, glass, and metal containers. In addition to the foregoing, at least one location shall be provided, and appropriately signed for the separate collection of corrugated cardboard. Prior to the event, and without expense to the city, the event applicant must provide a written plan to the city demonstrating how the applicant will comply with the recycling requirements outlined in this subdivision. The event applicant must also submit a valid processing facility weight ticket to serve as proof of compliance with this subdivision, within five business days following the event. Failure to comply with this subdivision may result in forfeiture of the security posted under section 455.41.

(b) All large block event applicants are encouraged to utilize compostable supplies, including but not limited to compostable cups, plates, flatware, napkins, and food packaging materials; applicants are further encouraged to arrange for the separate collection and ultimate composting of such supplies.

455.51 Effective date.

Section 455.36 of this chapter shall become effective on January 1, 2013.